after deducting working expenses, guaranteed interest, etc., therefrom, the net receipts were Rs. 10·92 lakhs against Rs. 12·29 lakhs during the previous year.

Lines worked by the State.—The length of the lines worked by the State was the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, 450·73 miles. The gross earnings during the year amounted to Rs. 31·49 lakhs as compared with Rs. 31·27 lakhs in the year previous.

Expenses.—The ordinary working expenses of the year amounted to Rs. 21·35 lakhs as against Rs. 21·52 lakhs in the previous year, with a decrease of ·17 lakhs, the percentage to gross earnings falling from 68·82 to 67·79 during the year under report.

Stores.—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 4·97 lakhs and the issues inclusive of sales amounted to Rs. 10·64 lakhs, resulting in a closing balance of Rs. 4·16 lakhs at the end of the year.

Accidents.—The number of persons killed during the year on account of accidents was 7 and the number seriously injured was 9. There were 28 derailments and 32 engine failures.

General,—No new construction or surveys were taken up during the year due to financial difficulty. The issue of cheap return tickets on important occasions was continued; concession rates were also granted in connection with the exhibition at Mysore. A new pair of passenger trains were introduced between Shimoga Town and Birur. The scheme for remodelling and extending the Central Workshops at a cost of about Rs. 12 lakhs spread over four years with a view to afford increased facilities for coping with the present stock maintenance requirements was sanctioned by Government.

The members of the Local Advisory Committee showed considerable interest in their work and were helpful both to the Department and the public. The working of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

S. ABDUL WAJID,
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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

School Board Assistants to grant exemptions from payment of re-admission fees in Primary Schools.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 760—Edn. 11-31-2, dated 14th August 1931, empowering the Assistant Inspectors of Education to grant exemption in deserving cases from the payment of re-admission fees of annas eight in the case of Primary Schools.

2. Rule 33 (as noted in the margin) of the Rules issued with Notification No. E. 1246—Edn. 325-30-14, dated 29th September 1931, regarding levy of re-admission fee in recognised Elementary Schools.

Rule 33.—No tuition or admission fee shall be levied in any recognised Elementary School, but a re-admission fee of eight annas may be charged in the case of pupil whose name has been struck off the rolls for continued absence of one month without leave. Re-admission fees, if any, collected in Elementary Schools maintained by the Local Education Authority shall be credited to the Elementary Education Fund.

3. Letter No. D. 2-1492-76 of 33-34, dated 15th November 1933, from the Director of Public Instruction, stating that the power to grant exemption from payment of re-admission fees delegated to the Assistant Inspectors in the first Government Order read above has not been delegated to them in their *ex-officio* capacity as School Board Assistants of the Ranges, in the Rules issued with the Notification dated 29th September 1931, read above, and requesting that this power may be formally delegated to the School Board Assistants as such and that the following addition may be made to the said Rule 33:—

"the School Board Assistants are however empowered to grant exemption in deserving cases from the payment of re-admission fees in Primary Schools."

ORDER NO. E. 2032-33—EDN. 117-33-6, DATED BANGALORE, THE 20TH DECEMBER 1933.

The proposal is approved.

H. V. RAMASVAMI,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.